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'Reptilia'

The Strokes will play a sold out show outside Stubb's before headlining ACL this weekend. Doors open at 7 p.m.

'Chicks and the Drugs'

Houston-based rapper Slim Thug will perform at Emo's. Tickets are \$20 at the door and \$15 in advance, and doors open at 9 p.m.

Dinner with the chiefs

UT Police Chief Robert Dahlstrom and Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo will be available to take questions about security and law enforcement from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Texas Cultures Lounge in Jester West.

Art Above Ground

During their first general meeting of the year, the Texas chapter of the Art Above Ground organization will meet to talk about project ideas for the upcoming semester from 6 to 7 p.m. in UTC 4.104.

Campus watch

Bathroom Intruder

College of Business Administration, 2110 Speedway
A UTPD officer found a non-UT subject inside a second floor bathroom. He asked the subject to leave the bathroom and sit on a bench outside, but the subject began walking quickly toward the building's exit. The officer followed the subject, who proceeded to charge the officer with raised fists. The subject was arrested for criminal trespassing and evading arrest.

Today in history

In 1927

"The Jazz Singer," the first feature-length film to include synchronized dialogue, was released. The movie ushered in a new era of sound films.



Quote to note

"I didn't take [cross country] too seriously in the beginning. I knew I had a gift, so I just took it and, well, ran with it."

— **Brock Simmons**
Junior cross-country runner

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THE ART OF SELF-DEFENSE



Ryan Smith | Daily Texan Staff

Peter Enyeart, founder of the UT chapter of Karate Do Shotokai, teaches computer science freshman Cliff Cheng the basic punching technique.

By **Ahsika Sanders**
Daily Texan Staff

Peter Enyeart never took his eyes off of his opponent's hands and feet in anticipation of an attack, at the UT American Karate Do Shotokai club's demonstration night Tuesday in the Quadrangle Room of the Texas Union.

Enyeart, a cell and molecular biology grad-

uate student and Shotokai black belt, started practicing American Karate Shotokai 11 years ago. He said demo night illustrated how to effectively use your body and speed to your advantage as opposed to attacking an aggressor.

"I was looking for self-defense tactics, but I stuck with it because it's something you can spend a lifetime perfecting," said Enyeart, in-

structor and founder of the UT chapter.

American Do Shotokai, organized in the United States in 1993, is a fairly small practice in the U.S., with only nine clubs across the nation. It is unique because it functions as a fast-paced combination of aversions and coun-

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UT students, Powers make strides with benefit talks

By **Audrey White**
Daily Texan Staff

The fight for domestic partner benefits continues at UT as President William Powers Jr. and other campus leaders begin re-energizing current policies they say undermine both equity and competitiveness at the University.

Powers is establishing a working group that will include administrators from operations and human resources, as well as Student Government President Scott Parks. Parks met with Powers Tuesday to discuss how to address soft benefits, which will be a focus of the group. Soft benefits include sick, bereavement and parental leave for GLBT faculty and staff. The benefits also include housing for hall coordinators and graduate students. In an August meeting with The Daily Texan, Powers addressed both the problem of competitive faculty recruitment and the equity barriers that result from a lack of benefits.

"The fact that we don't have domestic partner benefits puts us at a competitive disadvantage in recruiting students and staff, and that's an issue that we need to get solved," Powers said. "It's still a work in progress, and there are a lot of players involved. The University would be better if we make

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Department chair attends summit on community colleges

By **Allison Kroll**
Daily Texan Staff

The Obama administration is challenging community colleges to graduate more students and send more of them to four-year colleges — a task Walter Bumphus, chair of the UT Department of Educational Administration, is ready to help them meet.

Bumphus is in Washington, D.C. this week to attend the White House Summit on Community College, at the request of the Obama administration. Community college leaders and students at the Tuesday conference stressed the importance of improving the U.S.'s community colleges, which educate about half of the nation's college students.

The summit brought together approximately 150 policy makers from the state and local level, community leaders, community college faculty and students.

"The bottom line is that the president has challenged community colleges in the next 10 years to have more graduates, and many have accepted," Bumphus said.

Bumphus has worked with UT since 2007 and is a professor in the Community College Leadership Program, the top-ranked program in the nation dedicated to preparing community college leaders and top principal and superintendent

preparation programs.

Bumphus was recently elected as president of the American Association of Community Colleges, which is an umbrella organization for more than 1,000 community colleges across the nation. He will leave UT after the conclusion of the fall semester to take the position based in Washington, D.C.

"I was given a once in a lifetime

opportunity to lead this organization," Bumphus said. "It was a bitter-sweet decision for me, because of my love of UT. I've had so many opportunities during my time here, and in the College of Education. In my opinion, there's no better job than the one I currently have."

The summit also enabled Americans across the country to submit their thoughts and questions for discussion online by submitting videos via YouTube and on their website.



Walter Bumphus
Department Educational Administration chair

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Ryan Smith | Daily Texan Staff

Imad Khan, the publicity director of The Dialogue Initiative, serves Turkish food to students at the group dinner held Tuesday.

Group backs interfaith dialogue

By **Allie Kolechta**
Daily Texan Staff

A new campus project, founded by three undergraduates, aims to spread tolerance between the more than 100 religious student groups on campus by scheduling regular interfaith events.

The Dialogue Initiative was founded in September by electrical engineering and Islamic studies senior Ahmed Atik, German senior Corey Shaver and government junior Imad Khan. The group held its first event Tuesday evening in the University Teaching Center, where about 20 representatives of on-campus religion groups ate a homemade dinner from the Turkish American Women Association in North Austin.

"I didn't know how to engage people and interest them in dialogue," Atik said. "I wanted to help peo-

ple learn from those who are more experienced in dialogue so that they can be more effective."

Atik, Shaver and Khan said they hope to form a registered student organization as soon as possible and plan on setting up weekly meetings by next semester. Events will include workshops on effective dialogue, outreach dinners and an exploring faiths series, said Shaver, the organization's interfaith liaison.

Neither Shaver nor Khan had any hesitation in joining the project, Atik said.

He said that he hopes the Dialogue Initiative will eventually effect interfaith relations on campus and that it will grow past the 40 Acres.

"We want to start a new wave of dialogue on

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Phosphate study exposes link between cancer, soft drinks

By **Kimberly Konwinski**
Daily Texan Staff

If the same old dry excuses of "It's got way too many calories" or "It makes me bloated" haven't stopped you from drinking soda already, maybe a newly published study linking soda to skin cancer will.

Already linked as a major factor in obesity and osteoporosis, a 2009 study published this year by the Cancer Prevention Research journal has linked the high amount of phosphate levels found in soda to the same kinds of tu-

mors developed in skin cancer.

Though widely distributed in most foods naturally as a preservative or as a nutritional additive, phosphates can be found anywhere. But according to the study, humans are consuming twice the recommended amount. A recommended dietary intake of phosphates is 1000 mg and should not exceed 4000 mg.

A study funded by the National Dairy Council and the National

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A recent study has revealed that the levels of phosphates found in soda may be linked to skin cancer. The find is based both on the level of phosphates present and the increase in consumption of soda.

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Anything for Doug.

INITIATIVE: Organization hopes for wide participation

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campus between all of the religious organizations," Atik said. Atik's idea provides students with a group that makes fostering peace on campus a much more accessible goal, Khan said.

"The thing Ahmed said that really stuck out was, 'The deeper the ignorance gets, the stronger the hate becomes,'" Khan said. "There's definitely ignorance from all different religions and parts of the world, and it's getting out of hand."

The organization hopes to foster learning and understanding of different faiths and create a more peaceful atmosphere between different religious organizations on

campus, Khan said.

"It's very revolutionary and it's going to change the faith dialogue and the community on campus," he said. "We want something built from the ground up and fostered from student organizations."

Biology student Farheen Ghani attended the dinner as a representative of the Muslim Students Association and said the organization would help people communicate about an issue as delicate as religion.

"Religion is a very sensitive issue and it touches people, whether that's in a good or bad way," she said.

The event helped lesser-known religious organizations on cam-

pus publicize their efforts, said history senior Mical Whiteman, a representative of the Pagan Student Alliance.

"We're so underrepresented because it's such a small religion, so this is a great opportunity to encourage interaction between our faith and other faiths," Whiteman said.

The dinner was held to gain support from many of the 106 religious organizations on campus and explain to potential members the plans that are being made, Shaver said.

"God willing, it won't be too hard to get people interested," Shaver said. "We're going to extend our hand and hope for the best. The worst they can do is say 'no.'"

CHAIR: Conference stresses technology use in classroom

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"A lot remains to be seen," said Kay McClenney, director of the Community College Survey of Student Engagement. "The real focus is helping students earn degrees, which is the main focus of all institutions, including UT. We need to have more students earning de-

grees in order to be competitive."

On Monday, participants in the conference discussed the importance of technology in the classroom, how this can increase course offerings and focused on faculty being mentors to students. The issues of retention and trying to overcome financial challenges faced by community colleges and their students

were also discussed.

Austin Community College spokeswoman Alexis Patterson said having an Austin area representative at the summit is an asset to the college. ACC leaders look forward to any developments that will enhance their ability to effectively serve the Austin community, she said.

GLBT: Domestic partner benefits would increase school's competitive advantage, Powers says

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substantial progress in treating

people equally, regardless of sexual orientation."

But right now, the University has little in its official policy to account for the needs of GLBT employees and their partners, and the resources they receive are not comparable to heterosexual staff members. Last week, a Pride and Equity Faculty Staff Association board member's partner died of pancreatic cancer, said Lindsey Schell, the chair of the Domestic Partner Benefits committee for PEFSA. Not only could the staff member not insure her partner

while she was alive, UT's current bereavement leave policy prevented the staff member from taking paid leave to mourn. The incident was "an affront to human dignity," Schell said.

She said PEFSA and other stakeholders are working with the president's office and human resources to determine the most effective way to incorporate soft benefits into existing UT policy without violating state codes and laws. All Ivy League universities offer benefits, as do peer institutions such

as the University of Michigan and Ohio State University. Many of these institutions are in states with insurance codes and Defense of Marriage Act laws similar to those in Texas.

"There is some flexibility for institutions of higher learning in the higher education code, and we've been working to see how can we take advantage of that flexibility," said Human Resources Director Julien Carter. "Some of it is just trying to find the proper authority in Texas law so that we can proceed with interpreting these statutes, and writing our own policies to provide these sorts of benefits. It just takes time."

The issue is not merely administrative, Parks said, and students will take an active role in the conversation. It directly affects students both in that the University cannot recruit the best faculty and staff without offering equal benefits and because it creates an environment of inequality, he said.

"I am gay, and these discriminatory policies affect me personally,"

he said. "The fact that our institution places GLBT faculty and staff in a different, unequal category sends the signal to me that our University values GLBT Longhorns less, and that is very disheartening," said Parks, who came out publicly over the summer. "Fewer GLBT faculty and staff recruits also means fewer role models and allies on campus for GLBT students."

In addition to Parks' involvement in meetings with the president and other administrators, SG is considering a resolution introduced at Tuesday's meeting that would affirm the assembly's support for benefits and give them the authority to work with the University, Board of Regents and the state Legislature to move forward with legitimizing benefits. SG will vote on the resolution on Oct. 12.

The assembly passed a resolution in support of the benefits in 2009, but representatives failed to follow through with activism and lobbying, said University-wide representative Jeremy Yager, who co-authored the resolution.

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KARATE: Dodging, flexibility main focus of Do Shotokai

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ter moves, instead of attacks as self-defense.

"Our basic philosophy says if you don't get touched, you don't get hurt," Enyeart said. "And if you do have to touch your opponent, make sure they go down."

Electrical engineering junior Tri Nguyen said his interest in karate was sparked by images on television, but what he expected and what he got from his three years of Do Shotokai were completely different.

"I watched a lot of Bruce Lee movies so I was looking for something like that, but this is more about being flexible and fast, not aggressive," he said.

Unlike other forms of martial arts where fighters are taught to memorize maneuvers, Shotokai teaches defendants to familiarize themselves with their bodies so any combination of strikes can be used in any situation. The demo focused on avoiding attacks, making fists and throwing proper punches with maximum power.

The Do Shotokai club at UT is entering its third year and is still relatively small, but this gives participants an abundance of time to work one-on-one with the instructor.

Computer science freshman Cliff Cheng received hands-on practice with the instructor and was taught to work with his body weight, and utilize balance and speed when evading an attack.

"I had never seen retreating as the main source of movement but it feels like it works," he said.

Cheng said that he learned a lot for his first day, although it was not easy keeping up and putting it all together at times.

"It was hard keeping my distance when he was coming at me," he said. "And moving the accurate distance to avoid a punch was kind of scary, but I did it."

The UT club directs its attention to perfecting the craft and developing practical self-defense skills, rather than competition fighting, and meets every Tuesday in the Quadrangle Room.

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SLUDGE DISASTER IN HUNGARY



Bela Szandelszky | Associated Press

Tunde Erdelyi comforts her cat Tuesday after her yard in the town of Devecser was flooded by toxic mud in the wake of the rupture Monday of a red sludge reservoir at an alumina plant in western Hungary. At least four people are dead, six are missing and 120 are injured in what one official called "an ecological disaster" that may threaten the Danube and other key rivers.

French counterterrorism case yields 12 arrests

By Jamey Keaten

The Associated Press

PARIS — Police in southern France arrested 12 people in sweeps against suspected Islamic militant networks on Tuesday, including three men being checked for potential links to a network recruiting fighters for Afghanistan, officials said.

The roundups were part of two entirely different counterterrorism cases under investigation by French judges, and fell on the

same day only by coincidence, one police official in Paris said.

Firearms were seized in one of the sweeps, another official said.

The arrests came as France and many other European nations have stepped up terrorism alert vigilance amid what has been described as an abstract though heightened threat in recent weeks. The U.S. government warned Americans over the weekend to use caution when traveling in Europe.

In one of the cases, nine suspected Islamic militants were detained in southeastern Marseille and its suburbs, and authorities turned up at least one automatic rifle and a pump gun, the officials said.

In Tuesday's other roundup, two men were arrested in Marseille and another in southwestern Bordeaux on suspected ties to a Frenchman arrested in Naples, Italy, last month accused of links to an Afghan

recruiting ring.

A ranking French police official said the man arrested in Naples is a 24 year old from the Paris suburb of Aubervilliers named Ryad Hennouni who had traveled to Afghanistan. The official denied Italian media reports that the young man had a kit to produce bombs, saying material found was insignificant. The official was not authorized to discuss the case publicly so asked not to be named.

Times Sq. bomber sentenced, warns of more bloodshed

By Tom Hays & Larry Neumeister

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Pakistani immigrant who tried to detonate a car bomb on a busy Saturday night in Times Square accepted a life sentence with a smirk Tuesday and warned that Americans can expect more bloodshed at the hands of Muslims.

"Brace yourselves, because the war with Muslims has just begun," 31-year-old Faisal Shahzad told a federal judge. "Consider me the first droplet of the blood that will follow."

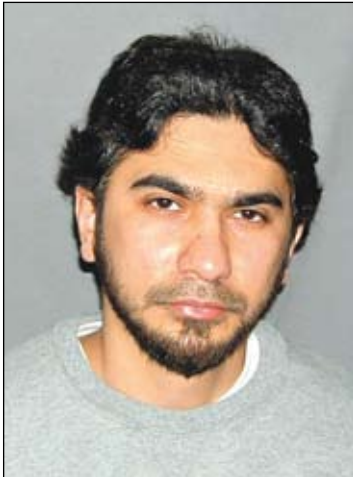
His punishment for building the propane-and-gasoline bomb and driving it into the heart of the city in an SUV last May was a foregone conclusion, since the charges to which he pleaded guilty carried a mandatory life sentence, which under federal rules will keep him behind bars until he dies.

But the former budget analyst from Connecticut used the courtroom appearance to rail against the U.S., saying the country will continue to pay for occupying Muslim countries.

"We are only Muslims trying to defend our religion, people, homes and land, but if you call us terrorists, then we are proud terrorists and we will keep on terrorizing you until you leave our lands and people at peace," he told U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum.

Shahzad — brought into the courtroom in handcuffs, and wearing a long beard and white skullcap — had instructed his attorney not to speak, and Cedarbaum told prosecutors she didn't need to hear from them.

That left the two free to spar



Faisal Shahzad

over his reasoning for giving up his comfortable life in America to train in Pakistan and carry out an attack authorities say could have killed an untold number of pedestrians.

"You appear to be someone who was capable of education and I do hope you will spend some of the time in prison thinking carefully about whether the Quran wants you to kill lots of people," Cedarbaum said.

Shahzad responded that the "Quran gives us the right to defend. And that's all I'm doing."

The judge cut him off at one point to ask if he had sworn allegiance to the U.S. when he became a citizen last year.

"I did swear, but I did not mean it," Shahzad said.

In his address to the court, he said Osama bin Laden "will be known as no less than Saladin of the 21st-century crusade" — a reference to the Muslim hero of the Crusades. He also said: "If I'm given 1,000 lives, I will sacrifice them all."

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Hook the Vote: what comes next

More than 5,500 students registered to vote through this year’s Hook the Vote campaign.
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But the number represents a victory for our campus, city and state. The current economic climate (here at UT and nationally) translates into an opportunity for voters to stand up for what they feel is important to this campus and to their country.

However, the last-minute increase was a little startling to Hook the Vote organizers, who have been waging their campaign for nearly four weeks.
“I don’t think anyone thought when we started working today that we’d hit 5,000 [students registered],” said Yaman Desai, associate director for student forums at SG and part of the campaign’s five-member, bipartisan leadership team. “The Travis County Tax Office only gave us 2,500 cards at first, and they assured us we wouldn’t use them all.”

Whatever the reason for the campaign’s success — whether it was deploying more than 150 people to push those little yellow registration cards, being well-organized or even promising free T-shirts — it’s not quite over yet. We hope the groups recognize the importance of continuing the effort by pushing those who registered to become educated about local elections and issues — not to mention the vital importance of actually going to vote on election day.

Supporting community colleges

Today, the White House held the first ever community college summit, and President Barack Obama called for community colleges to produce 5 million graduates by 2020.
Hosted by Jill Biden, the event was a move in support of the role that community colleges are assuming in society. Biden, a community college instructor, called community colleges “one of America’s best-kept secrets” and stressed the importance of those colleges in reducing unemployment.

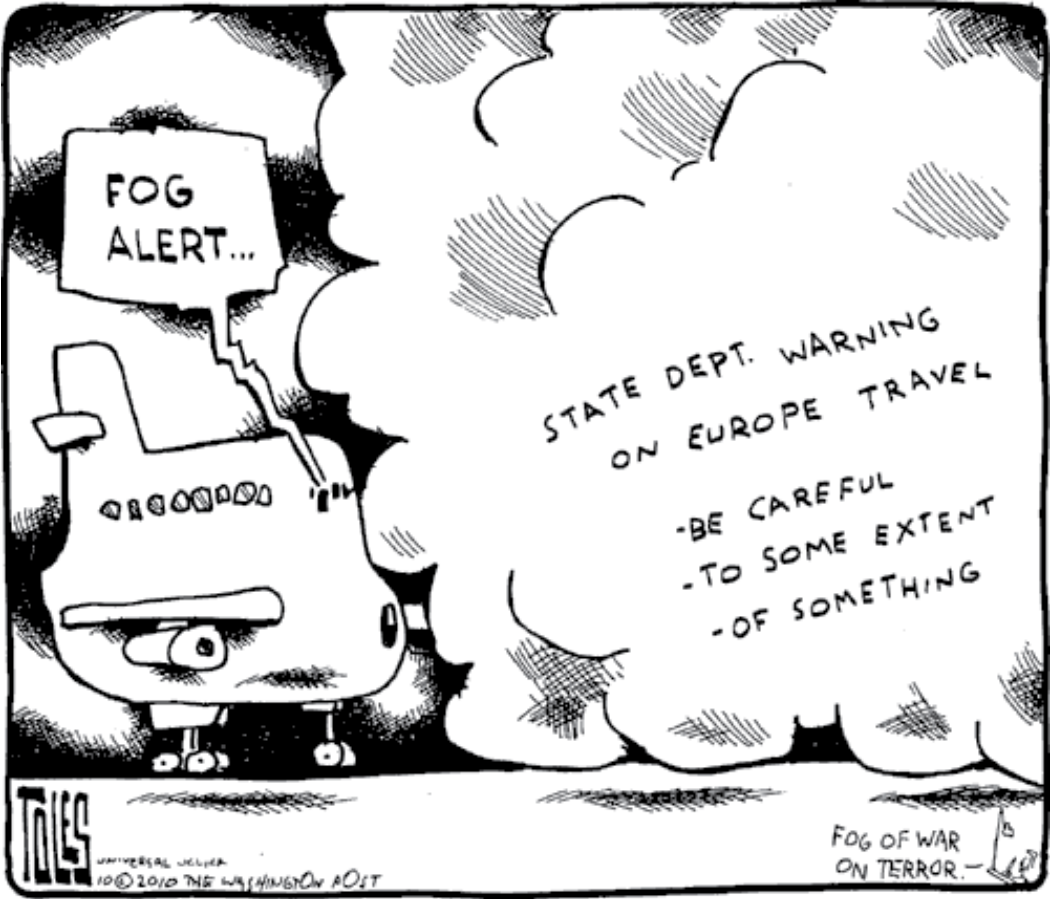
She has a point: Across the country, there was a 17-percent increase in enrollment at community colleges between 2007 and 2009 — undoubtedly an effect of the recession. The recently unemployed turn to higher education to improve their job prospects, and community colleges offer the quickest and least costly alternative for doing so. As Obama said when he spoke at UT this summer, “Education is the economic issue of our time.”

Generally, education (and related spending) is pushed by politicians as a way to bolster future generations’ success in a globalizing world. In this case, supporting education — specifically community colleges — is also being sold as a way to provide current generations with much-needed economic stimulus.
Obama’s initiative spans 10 years and costs \$12 billion, a number that some Republicans may balk at. However, community colleges are vital in bolstering a weak economy and making higher education more accessible. We can afford nothing less.

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GALLERY



Where are the women?

By Erin Gleim
Daily Texan Columnist

Do you know the worst thing about going to an all-girls school? It’s not the ridiculous saddle shoes and plaid skirt uniforms, or the lack of boys. It’s not even that classmates decide showers are optional because of that same lack of boys. The most annoying thing about all-girls schools are the countless assignments, lectures and workshops about women’s issues. I know — yuck.

Though most of us dismissed these lessons and the women who tried to teach them as irrelevant, in retrospect, it’s easy to see that those women inspired us. Our teachers and administrators were role models, and they influenced a lot of our college and career decisions. We had, in our school, examples of successful women in business, communications, engineering and other fields. They had careers, families and advice about the real problems women encounter in the world and in academia — problems UT seems to perpetuate.

This is my first semester in college, and the first one I’ve ever had with no female teachers — five classes in five different disciplines and no female teachers. It’s strange to me that, in spite of the female student majority on campus, nine out of the 12 University vice presidents are men. The provost, seven out of 19 deans of the

different colleges and 78 percent of department chairs are men. In the College of Communication, four out of five directors/chairs are men.

This is a drastic underrepresentation. I’m aware of UT’s ongoing gender equity debate, and I’m sure “steps” are being taken to rectify the situation, but if this is something incoming freshmen notice, not enough is being done. Female students need more female teachers and administrators, if for no other reason, than to have role models who can share their academic interests and lend their expertise. Lessons a female student can learn from a female teacher — such as getting ahead despite gender-based adversity, and how to earn and keep the respect of co-workers and administrators — can only be taught by a female.

Obviously, it is not impossible or even bad for a female student to have a male mentor, role model or teacher, but we can all concede it isn’t the same kind of relationship as those which can be had with female role models. That’s why my all-girls school had a predominantly female faculty, and my brother’s all-boys school has a predominantly male faculty — it’s easier to relate to and identify with a person of the same gender and who has encountered similar gender-related obstacles. There are gender-specific lessons to be learned, which is the intent of those institutions.

One of the driving factors behind my wanting to be a journalist is my high school journalism teacher, Melinda Murphy Smith, who inspired me to pursue a career in journalism. I chose to work toward my goal at the same undergraduate University and write for the same college newspaper as Ms. Smith did. Her advice and example — as a woman who worked in communications, raised a family and didn’t sacrifice her education or training to do so — have been invaluable to me. I would be hard-pressed to find a similar role model here at UT — women comprise only one-third of the journalism faculty, and none of them are full professors, according to the School of Journalism website. Female students find themselves in situations similar to mine in most majors and programs.

So while not having boys in school makes the school’s environment much more competitive and a lot less hygienic, I’m still really glad I went to an all-girls school. Having a predominantly female faculty and administration was one of the best things about it. The students were able to see themselves in the positions and with the expertise of their teachers and administration. If UT really wants to be one of the best universities in the world, let’s start giving more top positions to women.

Gleim is a journalism freshman.

Comic disbelief

By Marc Nesterius
Daily Texan Columnist

One week and a dozen news vans later, the jokes are already trickling in. Yes, a three-hour lockdown will naturally lead some to make jokes to pass the time, but there was absolutely nothing funny about what happened at the Perry-Castañeda Library last week.

Not all of us have cracked knee-slappers at the expense of Colton Tooley’s death by suicide or of the UT students traumatized by the event, but I’m sure most of us have laughed at a couple more than we would like to admit.

Remember how Sept. 28 was “such a blast”? Or how the campus closures made you “hungry enough to kill yourself”?

These insensitive responses to a campus tragedy are the most tasteless attempts for attention that any class clown could muster. And then to claim they were made to provide comic relief?

No. I am suffering from comic disbelief, especially at how quickly some students added to the blitz of puns.

I had barely received the second warning text from the University when I found a Facebook posting of an Elmer Fudd picture with the comment, “It’s wabbit season.”

Uncalled for. Inappropriate in any occasion, this was made during the time when — at least for the general student population — an unknown armed suspect was still at large.

My classmates and I were nervously looking into each other’s eyes for consolation. We were all fervently checking news breaks and status updates on our phones and laptops. One girl whispered that her friend heard that four students were shot on 21st Street.

And as my Blackberry keys burned from the friction of my thumbs texting relatives, Facebook statuses told me about shooter drinking games and people “waking up with a bang.”

What type of person would consider this an opportunity to impress friends with their cunning wit? I was just a five-minute walk from

the PCL. I was planning on studying there within the hour. I live on the same street on which a fellow student ran with an AK-47.

The days following Tooley’s death were eerie and less farcical. But now, after the lull, the incident has become “last week,” somehow making it acceptable to commence the inconsiderate remarks. I urge my peers to steer away from this. Sure, we lived through the drama, and no other students were hurt, but that doesn’t entitle us to a lack of morality and empathy.

Hometown friends at Texas Tech, Texas A&M and even the University of Oklahoma sent me their best wishes for our safety last Tuesday. My cousins who live in Sweden contacted me to make sure I was OK.

How would our worried families and concerned friends react if they knew that some of us were taking shots every time a reporter said the word “shots” on TV?

I have to note that this is exactly what happened last February after Joseph Stack crashed his plane into the IRS office building. Surprise, snickering — then updates. Worry, parents calling — then jokes. Media coverage, a lull — then tasteless one-liners. It seemed that the only ones worried were the fear-inducing media, and our loved ones who were induced with fear.

Sure, the library’s sixth floor will enter campus lore and become a tourist spot for curious students, but we cannot allow Tooley’s tragic passing and our spared lives be the launching pad for self-indulgent jokes.

Maybe I feel this way because I have such remorse for slightly participating in the jokes made recently. Maybe I’m just angry at myself rather than at others.

Nonetheless, the sixth floor of the PCL witnessed a violent death recently, and the number could have very easily become plural. I have thought of that the entire time I’ve been writing this column, just five floors below.

There’s no comic relief in that.

Nesterius is an engineering sophomore.

By Tom Palaima
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

The tragic shooting event at the intellectual, residential and geographical heart of our campus is already a thing of the past. As Americans, we are doers. We have a tendency to deal with troubling issues by just getting on with our lives, by getting back to work or, as former President Bush urged us to do in 2001, by going to Disneyland. Many Longhorns just went to OU weekend.

We should not do this with the campus shooting incident. If we do, we might not learn lessons that might help us prevent another such incident. Our country has learned a lot from the tragedy of 9/11. Let’s make this our 9/28.

First, we can now shift our perspectives away from the big picture and take a good close and honest look at the individual who caused the crisis.

The person most deserving of thanks that we did not have another Virginia Tech on campus is the gunman himself. I use the word “gunman” with real sorrow. He was a suicide victim, a tragic waste of a young and promising life.

UT sophomore Colton Tooley was just 19 years old. A Dallas Morning News online headline announces, “UT shooter described as ‘not the most popular student in high school.’” But it quotes a high school peer who gives quite a different impression: “We always had a good time in the classroom. He helped everyone that asked for it. Of all people at UT, I never would have thought it would have been him.”

It is easy to demonize a shooter who becomes a suicide victim. We should not. Depression and other psychological conditions that lead to suicide are very difficult to treat and overcome.

I have lost three close friends to suicide in the last five years. All three were in their 40s, men with good values, sterling characters, loving wives, beautiful young children and socially important careers. One was a military officer who took his life in Iraq. The other two were University professors. Even their wives and mothers had no inkling that they would ever

consider taking their own lives.

Tooley was armed with an AK-47 and had ample opportunity to use it on his fellow students and others on campus. He did not. We will never know why. But we should be grateful nonetheless that Tooley had the moral will to overcome the inner demons that might have been urging him to use his AK-47 on others.

Tooley took Latin classes at UT. One of his graduate instructors, who wishes to remain anonymous, wrote this to me: “Thank you for recognizing Colton [for] his ‘restraint’ (for lack of a better word). Colton was a student of mine last semester and I am finding this whole turn of events very difficult to process, especially since Colton was such a model student in Latin class. Given all the comments that are swarming on the news, e-mails, Facebook and more, I am happy to see someone point to the good that still resided in this individual, even in his most disturbed moments.”

College students have enormous economic, emotional and educational pressures upon them as they try to figure out who they are and who they want to be. But our universities and colleges now spend less and less time and resources on the human side of education. At UT, we pile on requirements for majors, hardly make a dent in historically high student-faculty ratios, eliminate staff positions and emphasize getting through quickly at all costs. Counseling hotlines are important, but they are often Band-Aids that are never applied to deep psychological wounds. Law-enforcement emergency response teams mostly react to violence that has already occurred.

At an institution of our size, it is possible for a sophomore to have no meaningful contact with a professor or a peer. I teach yearly an upper-level history course, which ideally should have 15 students. It has 75 students. How can I identify a Tooley in the making? And how would a troubled student be able to know me well enough to reach out for help?

Palaima is a classics professor and studies the human response to war and violence.

Priority students receive grants

By Nolan Hicks
Daily Texan Staff

Texas State University student Jeff Harper graduated from high school in 2001 and went into the military to pay for a college education.

But Harper is also a recipient of the TEXAS Grant, a \$4,000 grant awarded to students in need. Each semester for the past two years, he's seen his GPA increase because he's been able to devote more time to studying.

"I don't come from a wealthy background," Harper said. "With the grants and government funding from the GI Bill, it opened up the opportunity for me to have an education and accomplish something like most people who come from privileged families."

Changes proposed to the TEXAS Grant program by a final report from the staff of Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board would make it more difficult for future college students to receive the aid Harper has had to help pay for college.

Students who meet two of four new criteria — take at least 12 hours of dual credit or AP courses in high school, meet threshold test scores on standardized tests such as the SAT and ACT, stand in the top third of their class or maintain a B grade average and take math courses beyond Algebra II — would be placed on a priority list to receive aid from the grant fund.

Those who are placed on the list would receive consideration for aid before those who aren't

on the list. Previously, only admission to a public university or community college was needed to qualify for the aid.

The need requirement — which requires a family to be able to contribute no more than \$4,000 to their child's education — would still stand.

"We think it's absolutely the wrong message to send to the students that hard work doesn't necessarily count," said Higher Education Commissioner Raymond Paredes. "[It] should stand for something."

Board Chair Fred Heldenfels backed the use of a priority list when awarding TEXAS Grant money.

"How can we stretch limited resources?" he said. "The state doesn't have adequate funds to

serve all of the needy students."

UT Student Financial Services Director Tom Melecki does not believe the changes will affect potential incoming UT students in need of financial aid because UT's admissions requirements are stricter than the new guidelines.

"Frankly, we probably wouldn't be able to fund all of the students who make that priority list," Melecki said. "But for the state as a whole, the question becomes do you want to set up a criteria of students who get priority for [these grants] and what does that say to future legislators about how they should fund the program."

— Additional reporting by Collin Eaton

A MESS OF MESH



Michael Baldon | Daily Texan Staff

A student passes a construction site on Tuesday in front of Kinsolving Dormitory while crossing the nearby intersection of Dean Keeton and Whitis streets.

Sociology professor to study altruism

By Nick Mehendele
Daily Texan Staff

UT sociology professor Pamela Paxton has been awarded a \$148,000 grant from the Science of Generosity Initiative at the University of Notre Dame to continue her study of political, economic and cultural factors affecting the practice of generosity.

Paxton's study was one of 13 research projects chosen to receive grant money from the initiative, which promotes research on the causes of generosity, how it is expressed and its consequences for both donors and recipients.

The Science of Generosity Initiative was created in 2009 to advance the understanding of the causes, expressions and consequences of generosity by supporting and conducting research projects in the social sciences. The initiative has given \$3 million over the last year in funding, with \$1.4 million to nine different research projects in this most recent round of grants. The other four projects were funded last year.

"We are concerned with both how individual characteristics [such as age, gender, and household income] affect generosity, as well as the individual choices that cause someone to behave generously," said Paxton.

Paxton will examine two cross-national surveys filled out by people from more than 90 different countries to get an intercultural perspective on the subject.

She will look at, among other things, people's values, amount of volunteer work and occupation to gain an understanding of how nations' social, economic and political structures affect generosity, including questions of whether welfare states discourage individual generosity or if it helps to promote it by acting as a model.

"We want to not only look at individuals, but also look at generosity in societies," she said. "Society depends on generosity and other prosocial behavior to survive."

The Science of Generosity Initiative chose Paxton's research project, which is expected to take two years, because of the wide scale of her study, Paxton said.

"It promises new insights into how political, economic and cultural factors affect the practice of generosity," said Christian Smith, director of the generosity initiative. "She poses compelling questions and has developed rigorous research methods to answer them."

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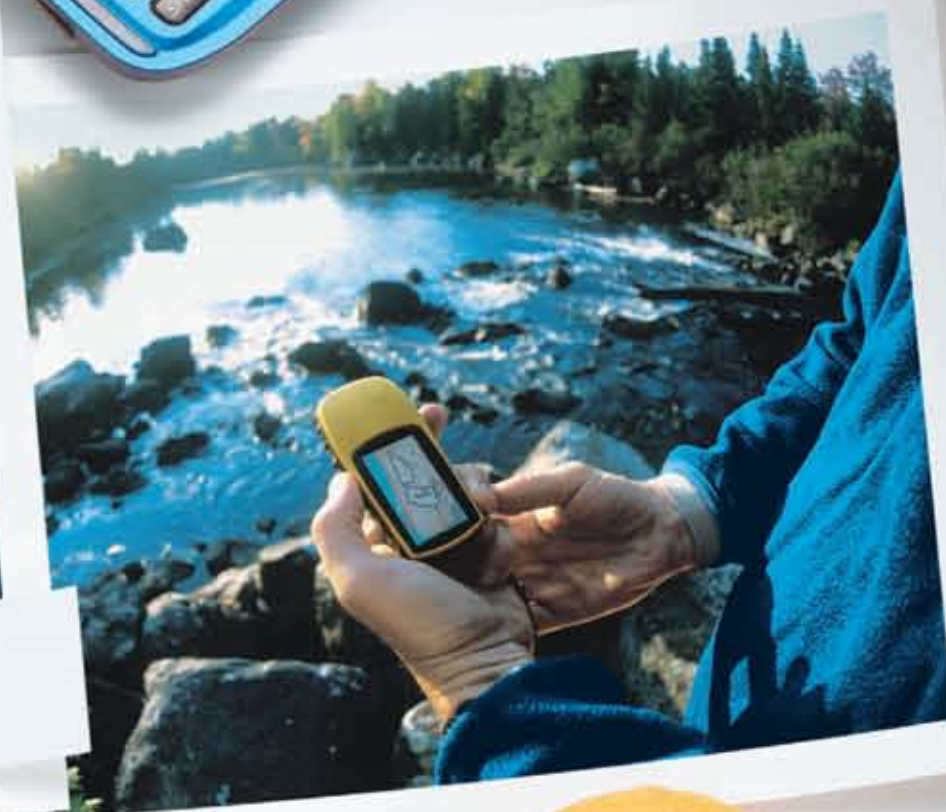
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VOLLEYBALL



Nasha Lee | Daily Texan Staff

Freshman libero Sarah Palmer celebrates with teammates after an Aug. 28 win. Palmer has seen additional time because of injuries, and is third on the team in digs per set with 2.16.

Hawaiian fits in with Longhorns' defense

By Austin Laymance
Daily Texan Staff

It's a fascinating thing to hear the way a native Hawaiian pronounces the name of their home state: Hawai'i — the traditional spelling in the Hawaiian language

— with an elegant pause before uttering the final syllable.

Hang around the Texas volleyball team for a few hours and you will be treated to a crash course in the state's pronunciation from a pair of natives, freshman Sarah

Palmer and junior Sydney Yogi.

The two defensive specialists from the island of Oahu share a special bond and take pride in their Hawaiian roots.

"They love volleyball there; everybody comes to watch," Palmer

said. "It prepared me well because Hawaii is known for their defense and that's how I got recruited here. They pushed me and brought me up to where I am right now."

Senior outside hitter and co-captain Juliann Faucette said

she calls Palmer "Palmy," a nickname inspired by the state's scenic palm trees.

Palmer is enjoying her first year in Austin but admits it's

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FOOTBALL



Danielle Villasana | Daily Texan Staff

Senior defensive end Sam Acho hangs his head after Texas' 34-12 loss to UCLA.

Texas seniors hurting, unaccustomed to losing

By Jordan Godwin
Daily Texan Staff

This is not how Texas imagined its season would go.

Not hardly. But imagine the burn that the seniors are feeling right now.

Three years ago today, 19th ranked Texas lost to 10th ranked Oklahoma and fell to No. 23 in the rankings, in large part because of a loss to Kansas State the previous week. Wide-eyed freshmen such as Sam Acho, Eddie Jones, Kyle Hix and James Kirkendoll hardly understood what was happening around them. But this core class of 2011 went on to win 34 of their next 37 games before running into the brick wall they've hit now.

"Our morale is definitely hurting right now," Kirkendoll said.

"Hurting" isn't heavy enough for what the Longhorns are feeling in this bye week. The loss to UCLA was eye opening and devastating to the season. But as they had done for the past few seasons, the players banded together to play with heart and passion in a bounce-back game

this past Saturday.

With the talent Texas consistently has, playing with motivation is usually enough for victory. But the Sooners gave the Longhorns every chance of winning the Red River Rivalry seemingly

"We have to go back and find a way to change these losses into victories."

— Eddie Jones
Defensive end

just for the joy of ripping out their hearts in the end.

There was one iconic play that will forever symbolize the season these seniors are doomed to have. With time running out and finally playing with passion, seniors Jones, Acho and Jared Nor-

ton chased down a Landry Jones fumble late in the game. Norton desperately tried to get the ball to salvage the game — and the season — but ultimately came inches short.

"I actually thought we were going to pick it up and run it in for a touchdown," said Texas head coach Mack Brown, ever the optimist. "And then it just kind of sat there and sat there and, like the rest of the day, rolled out of bounds."

The truth is, these seniors haven't faced much adversity in their years at Texas. Dominance has spoiled them and their fans to expect someone else — whether it was Colt McCoy, Jordan Shipley or Hunter Lawrence — to come through in the end. But while those players were always finding ways to win, this team is becoming increasingly characterized by how it finds ways to lose.

Still, the seniors are looking forward to the rest of the season.

"I have to stay a leader and try

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CROSS COUNTRY

Runner selects Texas over Baylor, Arkansas

By Bri Thomas
Daily Texan Staff

Junior Brock Simmons has always been interested in sports. He earned his black belt in martial arts when he was younger and was also involved in kung-fu, ice hockey and roller hockey.

He even tried his hand at football in high school, but that didn't last long.

"I was god awful at it," he said.

Because of his athleticism, Simmons said that his story of becoming a runner is the same as everyone else's.

"No one just loves to get into running," Simmons said. "Every athlete had to run cross-country at my high school, so I just fell into it."

Simmons' coaches put him into standard track events but eventually realized that the mile was where Simmons truly shined.

"I didn't take it too seriously in the beginning," Simmons said. "I knew I had a gift, so I just took it and, well, ran with it."

Though he won a great deal of races in high school, Simmons did not think about running at the next level until his senior year, when calls started coming in from colleges.

"I realized then that I could do this forever," he said. "I looked at some small schools and I was really interested in Baylor and Arkansas."

After winning the Texas Relays his senior year, however, Simmons was invited by UT on a trip with the team — that was when he knew Texas was where he wanted to be.

"I knew Austin would be a cool place to live and to go to school," Simmons said. "I called the coach on my way home from the trip and committed right then, telling him to make me a Longhorn."

Because of injuries, Simmons was redshirted as a freshman and not able to participate. Simmons' girlfriend, psychology senior Alex Turner, said he did not let being hurt keep him down.

"I've never met someone with so much determination and dedication," Turner said. "He puts his entire heart into running and it's so inspiring to see him work towards his goal day in and day out."

As a sophomore, Simmons put that determination to use and focused on getting his feet back under him after being out for so long. During this time, the men's running program experienced a coaching transition, as current head coach John Hayes came in. Simmons took to his training methods immediately.

Hayes took a subpar team, with all of its superstars graduated, and made them into quite a group.

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Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

Simmons hopes to improve on his 120th-place finish at last year's national meet.

SIDELINE

VOLLEYBALL



Colorado vs. No. 11 Texas

Date: Tonight

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Gregory Gym

LONGHORN SPOTLIGHT

KRISTIN CUMMINS



Position: Midfielder
Height: 5'5"
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Lewisville

Midfielder Kristin Cummins has been named the Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week. The sophomore scored three goals in Texas 4-3 overtime win over UW-Milwaukee, becoming the first Longhorn since 2006 to net a hat trick and the 10th in school history. Cummins is the first Longhorn to score more than once in a game this season and now leads the team in scoring with five goals.

BIG 12 MEN'S PRE-SEASON BASKETBALL STANDINGS

1. Kansas State (10)
2. Kansas (2)
3. Texas
4. Baylor
5. Missouri
6. Texas A&M
7. Texas Tech
8. Oklahoma State
9. Colorado
10. Nebraska
11. Oklahoma
12. Iowa State

SPORTS BRIEFLY

COKIE REED



Position: Post
Height: 6'4"
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Waco

Sophomore out for season after undergoing foot surgery

Without playing even a single game, the Texas women's basketball team has already suffered a huge loss.

Cokie Reed, sophomore post player and a member of the Big 12's All-Freshman team, was ruled out for the 2010-2011 season after undergoing foot surgery last Friday. The procedure involved removing an extra bone and repairing a tendon.

Reed's on-court presence will be missed. Last season, she averaged more than eight points and four rebounds a game in conference action. She also averaged nearly 17 minutes per contest. Junior Ashley Gayle will likely fill Reed's shoes as far as minutes go.

Head coach Gail Goestenkors stressed the importance of the team rallying around its injured teammate and friend and said Reed's absence will force the team to grow closer.

"My heart goes out to Cokie and our entire team," Goestenkors said. "However, just like any close-knit family that is faced with adversity, Cokie and our team will become stronger because of this."

There is no word yet of a timetable for her return.

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FOOTBALL



Lauren Gerson | Daily Texan Staff

Oklahoma quarterback Landry Jones drops back against Texas last week in the Red River Rivalry.

Sooners return injured players

By Alexandra Carreno
Daily Texan Staff
Coming off its win over Texas, No. 6 Oklahoma is readily welcoming a bye week.

“It’s a really good time to have it, simply to rest and regroup and get ready for the second half of the season,” said head coach Bob Stoops. “It works out well this year.”

While rest is important, the Sooners will also be reincorporating once injured players return to practice. Running backs Roy Finch and Brennan Clay, line-backer Austin Box and corner-back Jamell Fleming are all returning from injuries.

Injured since August, Finch has been recovering from a hair-line ankle fracture, while Box has been dealing with a painful disc in his back.

The only player still on the injured list for Oklahoma is defensive tackle Casey Walker, who sprained his ankle against Cincinnati on Sept. 25.

“Everyone would have been ready to go this week except Casey,” Stoops said. “Casey has

Baylor set to take on Texas Tech

In a second week of Big 12 matchups, the Cotton Bowl will play host to Saturday’s Baylor-Texas Tech game. Both teams are looking for another win to tack on to their season records.

enced a tough start to its season.

“It’s just one win on one Saturday. We’re certainly experienced enough to understand that as a staff and as a team,” said Baylor head coach Art Briles. “We’ll be judged at the end of the season, by the complete season, but right now we’re just trying to break it down and play one game one week and focus on the small picture.”

In the past two seasons, the Red Raiders have beaten the Bears by just a touchdown each time.

“It’s a new team. I know everybody wants to talk about the past few years against Tech and how close we’ve been, but it’s a new team,” said quarterback Robert Griffin. “They have a new coach and we have a new mindset as a team here at Baylor. We’re going out there trying to play our best to get another win and get us closer to our goal.”

Aggies elevate their defense

New defensive coordinator Tim DeRuyter has done wonders for the Aggies’ defense. Ranked among one of the nation’s worst last year, Texas A&M defenders have taken everything down in stride. Everything, that is, except sacks.

The Aggies’ defense has four sacks through four games this season.

“You’d like to see your sack numbers go up,” DeRuyter said. “It’s been a little bit of a function of who we’ve been playing — our first three opponents got rid of the ball real quick. We didn’t see much of a vertical game.”

On Saturday, Texas A&M meets No. 11 Arkansas, which ranks third nationally with 15 sacks while the Aggies rank 95th.

“This week, we’re going to see some vertical passing, and I’d like to see our sack numbers go up,” DeRuyter said.

PALMER: Freshman steps up in vital role

been a big adjustment from life on the islands.

“Everything up here is different — faster paced,” Palmer said. “The girls are taller, more competitive and it’s this new atmosphere that I love.”

Palmer’s teammates give her a hard time about some of her Hawaiian habits, especially her taste for a popular meal on the islands — Spam. Even so, the presence of co-captain Yogi on the team was a major factor in Palmer’s decision to play for Texas and a little slice of home she could recognize.

“It was great knowing that I would have that Hawaiian connection on the team,” Palmer said. “She reassured me that Texas volleyball was a great place to be and I’m glad I chose here.”

Yogi has taken the newcomer under her wing as the two not only played for the same club team back in Oahu, Asics Rainbows Volleyball Club, but also share the libero position.

“Every time I need help or want to ask questions I always know I can go to her,” Palmer said. “She helps me out and teaches me all the things she already knows. She’s great.”

Palmer’s role has expanded over Texas’ last three matches as Yogi has been fighting an injury. The freshman came off the bench

in Texas’ upset of Iowa State last Wednesday and tallied a team-high 11 digs. She led the Longhorn defense in Saturday’s loss to Nebraska with a career-high 15 digs — Yogi did not play.

“It’s awesome to see her step up in that role,” Faucette said. “As a freshman it’s really intimidating, especially the libero position. That’s a huge position on the court and you have to be steady. You have to be aggressive and she’s really stepped up and it’s really a confidence builder for us just knowing that we can have those types of roles filled when we need them.”

Palmer’s big game against No. 3 Nebraska came as no surprise because she has faced tough competition before, training with the U.S. Girls’ Youth National Team in 2009.

“U.S.A. training prepared me mentally to focus on bigger games and how to prepare myself to relax throughout the game and not overwhelm myself,” Palmer said. “I love playing in front of a big crowd and a big atmosphere. It makes you push harder every point to prove everyone wrong.”

Although her family back home in Oahu is nine hours away by plane, Palmer said they keep up with her by watching Texas’ live-streamed games and sending her text messages after every match.

RUNNER: Simmons trains lightly to avoid injuries

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Simmons ended up being Texas’ fifth runner in cross his second year, but his breakthrough came in his third year. Simmons managed first place at the team’s opener at Princeton, making him third overall.

Simmons placed fourth in last year’s Big 12 meet, and 12th at the regional meet. Texas earned a second place finish at regionals, catapulting them to the national meet, where Simmons finished 120th.

This year, the Longhorns will once again travel to the Princeton Invitational for their opener on Oct. 16, and the team feels good after such hard training.

“I really think it will be a battle between Texas guys this year,”

Simmons said. “It’d be cool to get first to fifth, so we’ll see.”

Personally, Simmons usually competes at a faster level than he trains at, and with injuries being a constant threat, the junior goes in to ice three times a day after workouts.

“Some people can run and be just fine, but I have to stay on top of things,” he said. “I just have to flip a switch and get serious.”

When he does have time to relax, though, Simmons enjoys hunting, causing his teammates to classify him as “a redneck.”

“I grew up in Denton, which isn’t a redneck town, really, but there are rednecks in my family, for sure,” Simmons said. “I like to think I’m pretty classy, though. I mean, I do shop at Express.”

SENIORS: Cycle of recruiting may cause Texas’ down years

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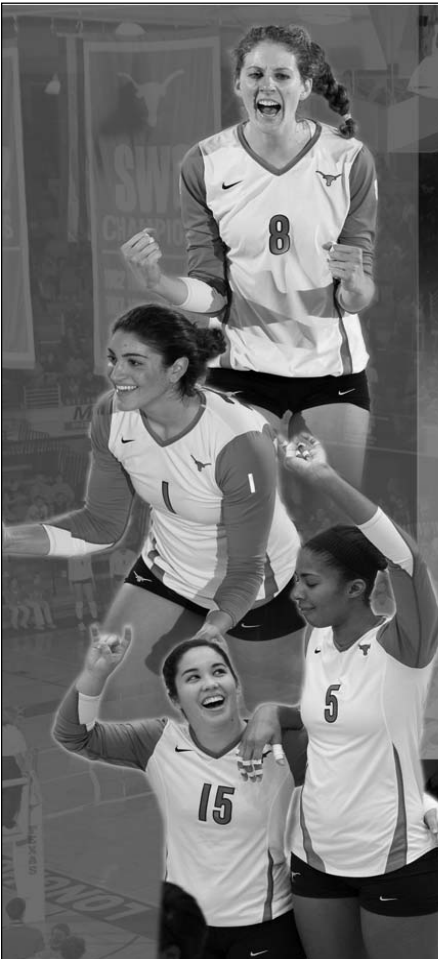
to find a way to win,” Jones said. “Something that we don’t do here at Texas is lose. We have to go back and find a way to change these losses into victories.”

Honestly, this disastrous season might not be their faults at all. The 2005 national championship season had a ripple effect that sent a surge of five-star recruits with a knack for winning to Texas. Vince Young’s heroics showed them Texas’ winning traditions and they committed to the burnt orange. That class of recruits went all the way to the

national championship last season, but now that they’re gone, we’re seeing the recruiting product of the 2006 season when the Longhorns went 10-3.

The best thing Texas can do at this point is salvage the season for the sake of the 2014 roster. But at this rate, Arkansas and BYU look pretty daunting on that schedule.

“We have to go back for these two weeks and grind it out,” Jones said. “Work hard as a team, stay up, stay motivated and keep this heart and drive that we had today. We can go back out and win. We can change things around.”



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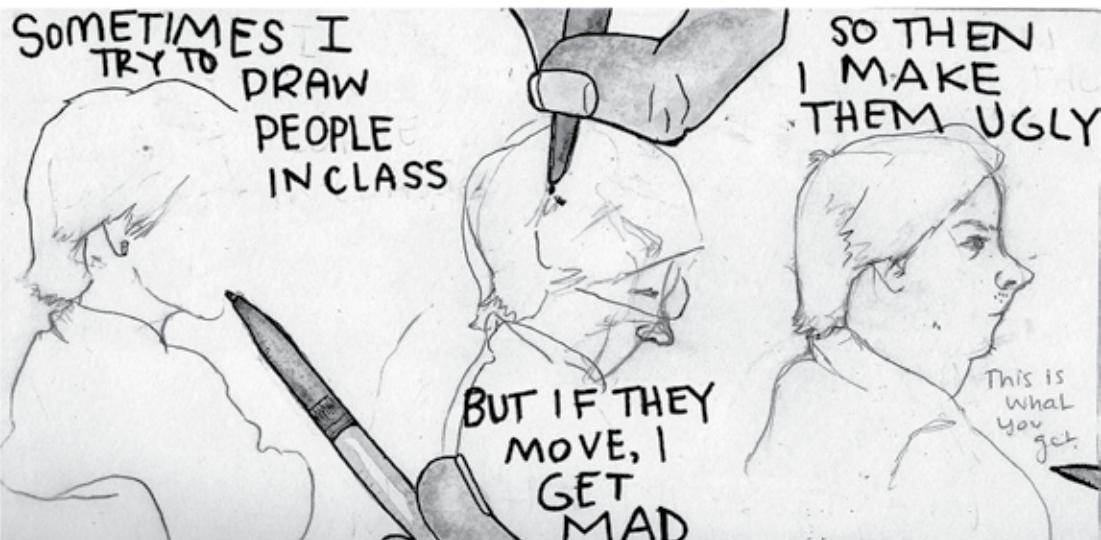
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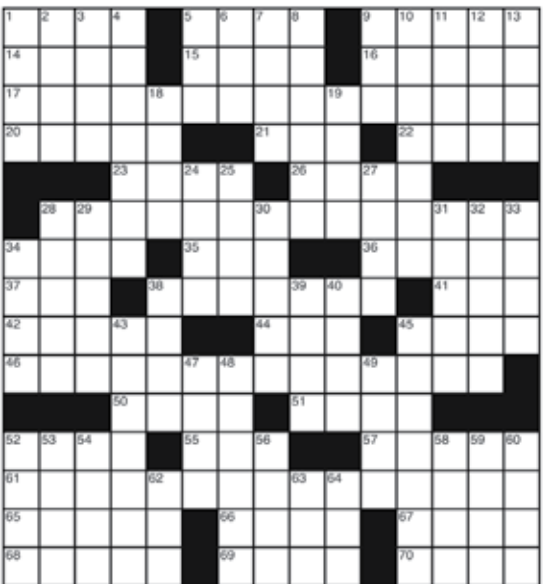
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 - 14 "Got it"
 - 15 Sauce brand
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 - 17 Like a sunken treasure?
 - 20 Third of December?
 - 21 Grp. with the platinum record "A New World Record"
 - 22 Systems of principles
 - 23 Ice cream flavor, briefly
 - 26 Secretary on "The Office"
 - 28 High place near Aberdeen?
 - 34 One in custody
 - 35 Breakfast cupful
 - 36 Like most bathrooms
 - 37 Spanish bear
 - 38 "The Wizard of Oz" weather event
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 - 42 "Amazing!"
 - 44 One fawning object
 - 45 Gift tag word
 - 46 Restraints for writer Flagg?
 - 50 James who sang "A Sunday Kind of Love"
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 - 52 Complain
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 - 18 Number after sieben
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 - 28 Olympic skater Cohen
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 - 30 2008 Beijing Olympics mascot
 - 31 Irish county north of Limerick
 - 32 Building set



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 - 34 Pound sound
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 - 43 What Shakira or 25-Down goes by
 - 45 Passes quickly
 - 47 French CD holder
 - 48 "Silas ____"
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 - 52 High-performance wheels
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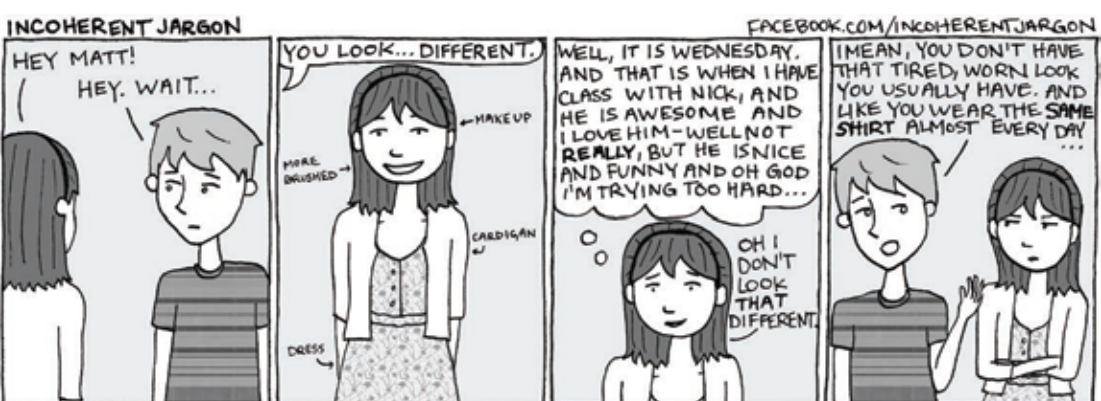
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CLOTHES: UT alumna seeks Austin location, expanded inventory

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fashion coursed through her veins and has since become a grounding force in her life. She cites her interest in it as something she inherited from her grandmother, whom Watson said could look at an old picture and recall details of her clothing down to the exact day she bought the particular piece.

However, Watson said her greatest inspirations are her mother and sister, who helped her start her business. As a teenager, she collaborated with them to make leather and suede shoulder bags for fun and sometimes for donation, but announcing she wanted to sell clothing as a means of income was something Watson was quite nervous about.

"I expected them to warn me and tell me it was too risky because I was working full-time, but they were really supportive," Watson said. "They were like, 'That's awesome. How can we help?'"

As a current Austin resident and UT alumna, Watson has seen women's football fashion evolve from washed-out T-shirts and cut-off shorts to burnt-orange cotton dresses and feminine-chic cowboy boots.

In her pieces, Watson likes to tailor her attention to the fit of the clothing as well as the appeal to women of varied body shapes and sizes. Her favorite item to include is turquoise jewelry because she feels it is a classic representation of being from the South. Watson also thinks something as simple as adding a belt or pair of earrings can completely transform an outfit.

"In a city like Austin and a university like Texas, burnt orange is a precious commodity," said customer Caroline Ashmore. "Tessie's accessories and dresses are [a] solution for someone who is looking for a game-day outfit that's way more unique than a typical homemade T-shirt dress or mass-produced jersey from the Co-op."

In the future, Watson hopes to establish a flagship store in Austin expanded to include a men's line, incorporate vintage pieces into her line and include pieces for colleges outside of UT. What once started as a secondary dream has now become the focus of her life.

"I don't want to lose the purpose behind what I do," Watson said. "I want to keep up the unique quality of my work and keep bringing in great pieces."

GAMES: Realistic plot of 'Metro' better than shooting aspects

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the winged demons that fly far above the subway tunnels. In an attempt to complement the book's realism, the game relies heavily on item management and small burdens on the player, such as having to manually pump your flashlight every five minutes. The game displays an adventurous spirit as

well as the faulty controls and design that are expected from games that are developed in the Ukraine. "Metro 2033" is at its best when it lets you explore the homes of its characters and the horrors that lay not far beyond — without having to aim a gun.

Grade: B

HOME: Buildings become new again

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Gardner met Reed when she called Dirt Co. to do work on her front and back yard. After working with her on her landscape design, he realized she had a great talent and asked her to join Dirt Co.

With parents in the antique business, Reed said she learned early on the value of old wood versus new wood. Though she graduated from UT in Plan II premed, she said medicine wasn't for her. She liked working with her hands and found herself constantly remodeling her home.

"My inspiration really is to give it a look that has never been seen before," Reed said.

She translates this philosophy into her work creating a look that comes off as rustic because of the wood and metal but she designs it to really be a quaint cottage that is artful and architectural.

"Not cookie cutter homes that are cold and stale," she said.

Next, Welch, who graduated from UT in sculpture and video art and moved to upstate New York then to New Orleans, makes Reed's designs a reality. But similar to Reed, Welch realized he didn't particularly care for the art world and found that building was more gratifying. A few days before Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, Welch returned to his hometown of Austin, joining Reclaimed Space shortly thereafter.

In order to have enough material for a unit, the team needs to deconstruct a small farm house that is about 800 to 1,000 square feet. The team has deconstructed six farmhouses since starting up. Their most recent was a 6,000-square-foot boarding stable in Shiner with a second-story loft to hold hay.

It usually takes about six days and four to five men to take a small farmhouse apart board by board and nail by nail, Gardner

said. But for this particular project, it took six to ten men and three and a half weeks.

It was a pain, but Reed said it was worth it because much of the wood reclaimed was long leaf pine, which can no longer be found in enough quantity to build today because of deforestation.

After the home is built, the entire unit is fork lifted, put on a flat truck and delivered to the site, where it is then oriented to where the sun runs east to west and the roof slopes to the south, to work with the weather for a natural cooling and heating system and prevent premature weathering.

This attention to detail allows the home to last for generations, Gardner said.

Growing up on a 2,000-acre cattle ranch outside of Brenham, Gardner said he learned that land-use management is key. When you are out working

with animals, you always have to manage their waste, feed, water and needs.

"A lot of this responsible land use and responsible building has been going on forever because otherwise you can't exist as a farmer, as a cattle rancher," Welch said. "If you live in the country, you pay attention to this sort of thing."

Down the road, the team would like to have a whole community of Reclaimed Space modular homes. There have even been talks of having a community of modular, off-campus housing for a university in Alabama, and Gardner said hopes of one for UT students.

In the meantime, Gardner wishes to "plant our seed and grow our flower and let everybody come to us."

For more information on Reclaimed Space, go to reclaimed-space.com

STUDY: Eating protein-rich foods, moderating soda intake lowers risks

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Institutes of Health showed that soft drink consumption has doubled since the 1970s. Calorie intake from sodas has tripled since the 1970s, rising from 2.8 percent to 7 percent, or a jump from 50 calories to 144 calories. This means on average, people are drinking three times more soda than in the past. Calcium intake was also shown to have dropped since 30 years ago.

Within the body, phosphate and calcium work together to keep the body in check, to promote bone strength and development, but the dairy council's statistics also show that increases in soda consumption don't always mean increases in consumption of calcium-laden products. When phosphate levels are increased without the same amount of calcium to balance the effect, the lack of calcium not only causes brittle bones but also leaves the ex-

cess phosphates to attach to other proteins in the body. This attachment can lead to the development of skin papillomas, which is the initial stage of the skin cancer, known as carcinoma.

But all the blame can't be placed on phosphate. Phosphate is an es-

out badly. Besides having links to bloating, obesity and bone deficiency, soda in excess can decrease calcium intake. And don't think that diet sodas are much different, either. Diet sodas may have zero calories, but their phosphate levels are just as high as the overconsumption."

Dario recommends exercising and increasing the consumption of dairy products to help with the calcium-phosphorus balance.

Although some students resort to soda as a means of catalyzing an energy boost, others find doing activities like working out at the gym or drinking coffee to be safer and better alternatives to soda.

"I try to go to the gym at least three times a week," said psychology sophomore Soniya Al-Amin. "It helps me to stay motivated to eat healthier, so I stay away from sodas or other unhealthy foods. Plus, I feel energized and less stressed after working out."

Dario assures that eating breakfast, staying hydrated and eating foods rich in proteins such as milk, meat, eggs and grains are better ways to not only maintain energy for the day but also keep phosphate levels at a healthy range.

"The important thing here is moderation."

— **Bethany Dario**
Dietitian with the Health Promotion Resource Center at University Health Services

essential nutrient to the body and is important for bone strength and muscle development, said Bethany Dario, registered dietitian with the Health Promotion Resource Center at University Health Services.

With other indulgences, too much of a good thing can turn


regular kind.

"The important thing here is moderation," Dario said. "Moderation rather than elimination will assist us in getting back on track. We need to continue to give ourselves permission to have all foods in moderation, otherwise we will likely return to

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VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

Shooters include bandits, mutants yet miss bull’s-eye

Editor’s Note: This is the first in a four-part series reviewing horror-themed video games in the spirit of Halloween.

By Allistair Pinsof
Daily Texan Staff

Singularity (PS3/Xbox 360/PC)

Raven Software made a career of riding on the coattails of bigger franchises in the ‘90s, so it’s no surprise that they have clung to licenses — “X-Men,” “Star Wars,” etc. — over the past couple years. “Singularity,” as much as it clings to the aesthetics of “BioShock” and the mechanics of similar titles, should be applauded for at least taking a step away from Wolverine and light sabers for the first time in a decade. You play as a time-traveling U.S. Marine from 2010 sent to investigate an island where Russian experiments took place during the Cold War. Anyone who is a fan of time travel will be pleased by how the story cleverly links these two eras together with your interactions. One of the key mechanics of the game is the Time Manipulation Device, which lets you age objects and enemies, as well as do lots of other neat things you’ve probably seen done in other games dozens of times by now. Between the slow setup, cinematic set pieces and numerous collectable audio logs, it’s clear that “BioShock” and “Half-

Life 2” were more than influences on this title — they are practically the blueprint that it attempts to build upon. Raven is excellent at finding various ways to dismember an incoming mutant. What they aren’t so great at is art design, pacing and dialogue: Everything that made its influences so memorable. The game is fun and very eerie at times — thanks to great sound design — but for a game that attempts to be so much more, it falls short.

Grade: B

Metro 2033 (Xbox 360/PC)

Based on Dmitry Glukhovsky’s novel, “Metro 2033” outlines the journey of a young man trying to stay alive in a dystopian, post-nuclear Moscow. Subway stations are the hubs for all human activity. Between the stations is a merciless world of mutants and bandits, ready to kill anyone for their own survival. While the game follows very closely in line with shooters such as “Call of Duty” and “Half-Life,” “Metro 2033’s” well-realized world is what makes it stand apart. As you travel from outpost to outpost, you are presented with different colonies with their own ideologies. Nazis and Soviet Communists present a bigger problem than

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Courtesy of Activision
First-person shooter game “Singularity,” in which the player is a time-traveling U.S. Marine, takes major cues from “BioShock” and “Half-Life.”



Christine Smith | Daily Texan Staff

UT alumni Tracen Gardner, Kimber Reed and Brian Welch of Reclaimed Space build sustainable, modular and off-the-grid homes from reclaimed materials that they take from old structures they deconstruct themselves.

Homes built from reused scraps

By Julie Rene Tran
Daily Texan Staff

The earthy scent of pine, rain and damp soil permeates a 6,000-square-foot, 25-foot tall warehouse. Stacks of wood, some as tall as the ceiling, lined against the metal walls, according to length, type and purpose. Flecks of saw dust cover the concrete ground and a narrow stairway leads up to a second-story loft, where carved wood moldings, beams and a pew, all from an old church in Mexico, wait to be assembled into a home.

In this larger-than-life warehouse behind Callahan’s General Store off of Highway 183’s pebble-strewn road, planks of barn wood are turned into floors, old doors are given a fresh coat of paint and leftover wood becomes furniture.

The concept of reclaiming old wood and metal from farm houses and ranches and recycling them to build sustainable, off-grid modular homes came into Reclaimed Space co-founder Tracen Gardner’s mind when he

wanted to build an add-on cabin to his ranch, complete with plumbing, wiring and insulation that was sustainable.

The result was a 336-square-foot rectangular cabin made of shiplap with a sage green door. Inside, with the help of his business partner Kimber Reed, Gard-

ner immediately knew they were on to something.

Especially after entering the cabin into Austin’s Green Living Fair and winning best of show. Gardner said the positive comments received from the fair really kept them going and mov-

or a generator and uses a rain-water catchment for plumbing. Completely built in the warehouse and shipped in one piece, the homes are modular — meaning there can be multiples of it stacked or attached. The homes take about two to eight weeks to build and despite being in more rural areas, follow building code compliance.

“We’re trying to open up a new way to build,” Gardner said.

The team began with co-founders Gardner and Reed. Then recently, Brian Welch, a builder and a childhood friend of Reed’s, joined the team. All UT alumni, the trio shared a similar path. After Gardner graduated from UT with a degree in environmental resource management, he got into real estate and remodeling homes. About 10 years ago, he started Dirt Co., a landscape design and construction company. Through it all, Gardner always salvaged materials and saved them for later use.

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“We’re trying to open up a new way to build.”

— Tracen Gardner
Reclaimed Space co-founder

ner decorated the add-on with a rustic yet homey feel, with the same sage colored painted on two full-wall, built-in shelves and a Murphy bed blanketed in a red-and-navy paisley quilt.

All of the materials, from the old claw bathtub to the bed, were reclaimed or built with reclaimed materials. The finished product

ing forward despite being new and unconventional. In the summer of 2008, Reclaimed Space was born.

Since then, Reclaimed Space has been featured in Dwell Magazine and has built several modules both for leisure and primary housing. The home runs on solar panels, wind turbine and/

Fashionista designs football garments



Editor’s Note: This is the second in a bi-monthly series looking into the lives of people who help shape the city of Austin.

By Layne Lynch
Daily Texan Staff

In the thick of a nail-biting Longhorn football game, thousands of screaming fans focus their attention on the green field, the plays and the scoreboard. All the while, UT alumna Tessie Watson is admiring the sea of burnt-orange fashions in the audience.

Although the arenas of sports and fashion seem worlds away from each other, Watson has made it her job to sew the two pieces to-

gether, merging fashion and football into one entity. Channeling the football fashion trend, Watson began selling collegiate clothes and accessories on her website longhornfashions.com in August.

“It’s funny because about half the time at the [football] games, I’m not even watching the players,” Watson said. “My eyes wander and I [often] look at what everyone is wearing.”

Although it might not make her the best football fan, her wandering eyes have led to some satisfied customers. However, she didn’t originally intend to venture into the fashion world. Just a few months ago, Watson was a far cry from that world.

After graduating from UT in 2009 with a degree in corporate communications and working full-time in online marketing, Wat-

son had planned on selling Longhorn fashions one day, but continually put her intentions to sell UT clothes and accessories on the back burner. Suddenly, with the advice of friends, Watson realized it was only a matter of time before it was too little, too late.

“I got really nervous when my friends told me that other people had similar ideas of what I planned to do,” Watson said. “I thought, if I’m going to do it, I need to do it now.”

Growing up, Watson’s love for

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UT Alumni Tessie Watson now owns and manages her own fashion label, Longhorn Fashion, which specializes in UT game day outfits for women.

COMIC BOOK REVIEW

“HEADS, 44”

‘Heads, 44’ delivers striking visuals

By Ao Meng
Daily Texan Staff

A joint venture between publisher PictureBox and New York City gallery space The Hole, Mat Brinkman’s newest comic “Heads, 44” is beautiful and impressionistic as both an abstract sequence of paintings and a physical piece of art.

Brinkman, a Texas native, first came to prominence in the ‘90s as a member of the infamous Providence-based art collective Fort Thunder. He is most known for “Teratoid Heights,” a now out-of-print comic influenced by music show posters, late night games of Dungeons & Dragons and “Multiforce,” a series of Sunday newspaper size strips detailing the fantastic adventures of various heroes and monsters. Since then, he has become more known as a highly skilled printmaker, and has shifted away from traditional comics toward more gallery-oriented work.

“Heads, 44” was produced in a limited run of 1,000 copies in support of and conjunction with “Phantasmagoria,” Brinkman’s first solo show at The Hole, the highlights of which are a series of very large 4-by-5-foot charcoal-on-paper drawings in rooms lit with colored fluorescent lights. The effect is described by Brinkman’s publisher as that of walking into a medieval cathedral, with Brinkman’s bold drawings of ghastly ghouls taking the place of the stained glass windows.

Indeed, the first thing you notice about “Heads” is its incredible size. The 11-by-15-inch book has a tremendous weight to its

considerable width. This comic has sky-high production value; the qualities of the vellum paper reproductions are extremely evident in not only the texture but also the musk of the ink on the pages — and without text, it opens a whole new sensory world.

Reading, no, experiencing the comic is a solemn proceeding. The striking images command the eye to contemplate their larger-than-life regality. In its original form, “Heads” exists as a definitely ordered sequence of 44 paintings. Brinkman stacked 44 sheets of rice paper and drew frightening heads on them with a thick ink brush. The natural leakage of the super-heavy ink through the membranous medium onto the next “page” would form the basis of the next head.

In this way an organic, wordless narrative emerges. Some of the heads are chillingly detailed, while others explode into almost pure Rorschach-blot abstraction. Some of the images are so obscure that as individual works they would be difficult to identify as faces. However, the magic of “Heads, 44” as a comic of sequenced art versus a collection of related works is that the physical transparency of the paper allows the viewer to see the next image underneath the current page. The viewer is always between pages, experiencing multiple images at once. Brinkman’s art really shines here, using this optical device to bring out the intensity behind the eyes of the portraits, immersing the viewer in the dark depths of the comic.

Aside from the obvious ani-



Photo illustration by Tamir Kalifa

mation influence inherent in the act of its creation, “Heads, 44” shows off a strong East Asian flair, as well as the starkness and power of traditional Orthodox religious icons. The powerful sweeping brush strokes recall the graceful fluidity of ancient Eastern masters of calligraphy and the made-for-a-metal-show-T-shirt nature of the portraits feel alive and ready to leap off the page. One can also detect the strong influence of Entertainment Comics and other horror comics in their late ‘40s/early ‘50s pre-Comics Code heyday.

The comic, which truly has to be seen in person to be believed, speaks volumes without words.

Brinkman’s “Heads, 44” as well as many of his other comics and prints can be purchased online at pictureboxinc.com. Domy Books in Austin is one of the handful of locations in the U.S. that provides the comic for purchase.